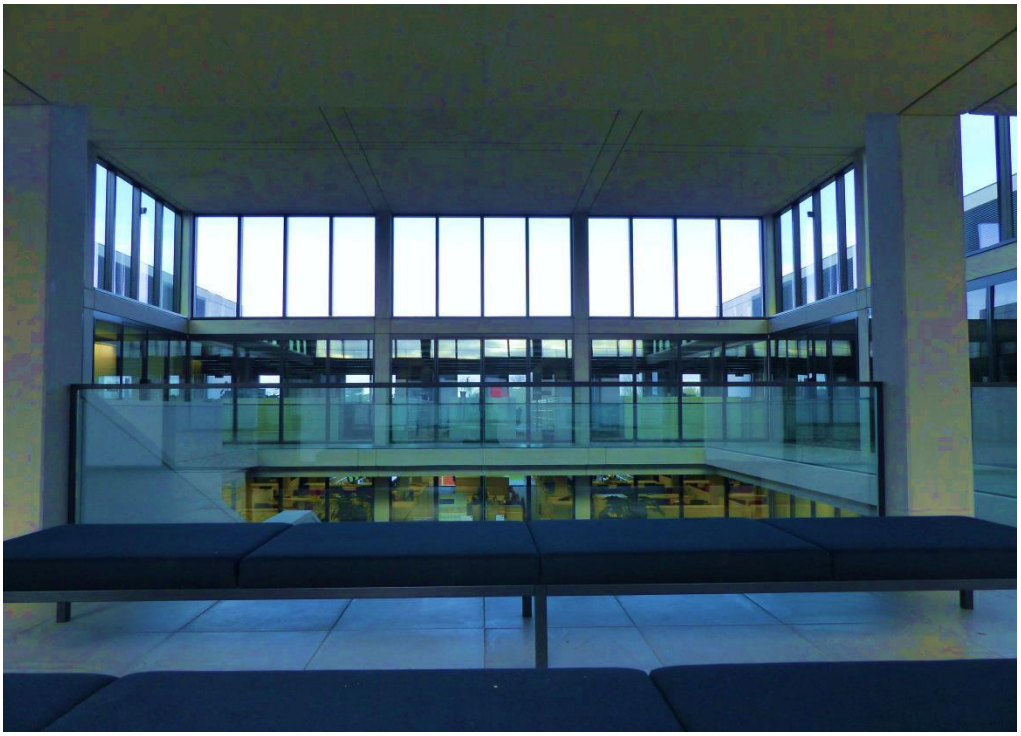

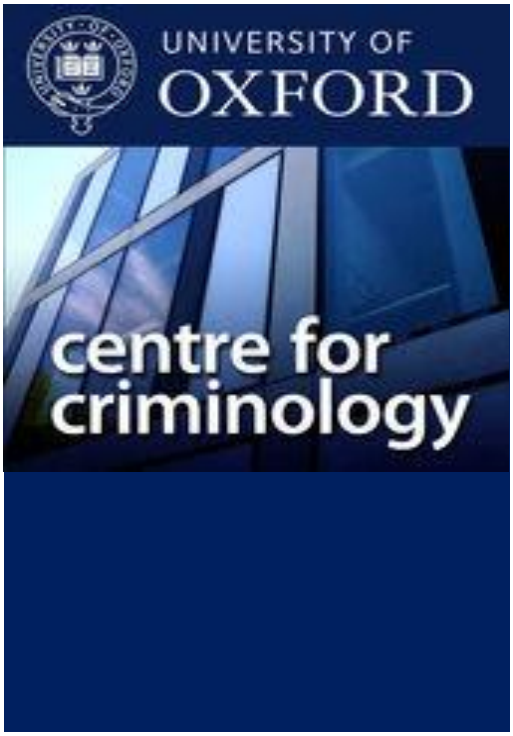

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It has been another busy term at the Centre, with a number of new grants in addition to ongoing projects. As part of its commitment to knowledge exchange, the Centre continues to expand its web-presence and engagement with social media as well as organising a number of informal 'brown bag' seminars in addition to the Criminology Seminar Series.

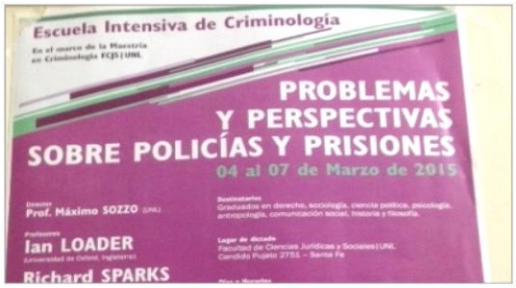
New Part-Time DPhil

The Centre is thrilled to have launched its part-time DPhil in Criminology this term. Applications are now open for admission in the academic year 2015/16, with a deadline of 1 June 2015. The programme is aimed at criminal justice professionals, third sector workers, and anyone else who would like to undertake a DPhil on a part-time basis. We envisage that most students enrolled in the part-time programme will take around six years to complete. The Howard League for Penal Reform has very kindly offered a scholarship for a part-time DPhil student whose research is relevant to their work. This will fund the student's fees for six years of study.

Visiting Programme

The Centre continues to benefit from a lively visiting scholars community. This term we welcomed Netanel Dagan (Bar-Ilan University, Israel), Alan Cusack (University College Cork, Ireland), and Luigi Gariglio (University of Turin, Italy).

Ian Loader participated in an 'intensive school' in criminology at the Universidad Nacional del Litoral in Santa Fe, Argentina.



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Out and About

Members of the Centre have been busy this term sharing their work, both near and far.

Mai Sato was interviewed in Japan on her EU-funded death penalty research. The video is on YouTube.

Lucia Zedner was interviewed before her EUI Max Weber lecture in Italy. The video is on YouTube.

Lucia Zedner gave an European University Institute (EUI) Max Weber lecture in Florence, Italy, in March. Her presentation, 'Enemies of the State: Curtailing Citizenship Rights as Counterterrorism,' explored the use of citizenship-stripping as a tool of counterterrorism.

Lucia Zedner, Alpa Parmar, and **Joanna Simon** spoke at a panel debate entitled 'Suspect Communities: Risk, Security, and Responsibility in Times of Terror' on 4 March at All Souls College in Oxford.

Mary Bosworth gave a series of invited talks about her research on immigration detention at events in the law schools at the University of Ferrara and the University of Florence, and at Yale University.

Ben Bradford spoke at the launch of the Oxford Centre for Social Investigation at the British Academy on 17 March in London.

Seminars and Events

All Souls Seminars

Once again we have had a varied and thought-provoking Criminology Seminar Series, including presentations from the Centre's **Julian Roberts** with Jan de Keijser (University of Leiden) and Christopher Bennett (University of Sheffield), Thom Brook (Durham University), Benjamin Bowling (Kings College London) and **Estelle Marks** (University of Oxford), and Justice Tankebe (University of Cambridge).

Brown Bag Seminars

This term the seminars continued to focus on knowledge exchange, giving us the opportunity to learn and discuss research on parole and retribution, victim inclusion in the criminal justice system, and the funding of death penalty research. Read more about the seminars here.

Oxford Transitional Justice Seminar Series

The weekly OTJR Seminars continue to attract wide attention within the University and beyond. This term, presentations focused primarily on truth commissions and the International Criminal Court. This seminar series is generously supported by the Planethood Foundation and the Faculty of Law Research Support Fund. Please visit the OTJR website for information on forthcoming events.

Carolyn Hoyle was a key note speaker at an international conference in Japan.

Mai Sato organised a mock trial experiment in Kyoto, Japan as part of her death penalty research.

Teaching Criminology in Argentina

In March, **Ian Loader** spent a week in Argentina where he was invited to contribute to an 'intensive school' in criminology at the Universidad Nacional del Litoral in Santa Fe. Ian gave presentations on public criminology, crime and political ideologies, police stop and search powers, and the regulation of private security to a group of graduate criminology students from Argentina and across South America.

Workshop on Global Policing

In April, **Ben Bradford**, **Ian Loader**, and **Jonny Steinberg** will be holding a two-day 'Workshop on Global Policing' at St Anthony's College. The workshop will bring together many of the contributors to the *SAGE Handbook of Global Criminology*, which Ben, Ian, and Jonny are co-editing with Bea Jauregui from the University of Toronto. The Handbook is due to be published in 2016.

Giving Expert Testimony

In January, **Carolyn Hoyle** was called as an expert witness to give evidence to the Commons Select 'Justice Committee' chaired by the Rt Hon Sir Alan Beith on the Criminal Cases Review Commission. The Report was published on 25 March and concluded that '[t]he CCRC is performing reasonably well, with areas for improvement identified, but that it could be doing more to increase understanding of its work. [and]... that the Commission needs to be given the resources and powers it requires to perform its job effectively.'

Speaking about the Death Penalty in Japan

Carolyn Hoyle and **Mai Sato** spent a week in March lecturing on the death penalty in Japan. Carolyn gave the key note speech at an international conference, 'Abolition of the Death Penalty in Japan: Challenges and Prospects,' hosted by the EU Studies Institute and Hitosubashi University in Tokyo, and Mai presented the findings of her research on public opinion and the death penalty in Japan. They both presented material on wrongful convictions at a seminar at Ryukoku University in Kyoto. Mai also designed and led a mock trial at Ryukoku University where 40 residents in Kyoto gathered to discuss the constitutionality of 'hanging' as a method of execution. This experiment was the result of collaboration with the Osaka Bar Association. At all events, Carolyn and Mai encountered many abolitionists and activists from within the academy, the media, and human rights organisations, including Amnesty International.

Policing Research in Brazil

In March, **Ben Bradford** spent a week visiting the Centre for the Study of Violence at the University of São Paulo. With his colleague Jon Jackson from the London School of Economics, Ben will be helping with the research design and analysis of data collected during a five-year project examining the links between police legitimacy, legal socialisation, and violence in neighbourhoods across São Paulo.

Sharing Knowledge on Policing

Ben Bradford spoke at two Thames Valley Police Professional and Ethical Leadership Conference events in March. Ben also gave a paper on stop and search at a conference at the University of Valencia, Spain in February.

Providing Guidance on Adolescent to Parent Violence

Rachel Condry and **Anne-Marie Harris** held two knowledge exchange events in London and in Manchester in March as part of their ESRC IAA project. They have been working closely with the Home Office to produce a 30-page guidance document on adolescent to parent violence and abuse—the first official guidance on this topic in the UK. The document was launched at the events to over 100 service leads from a variety of sectors, and workshops were held discussing its implementation in local areas. The guidance document, *Information Guide: Adolescent to Parent Violence and Abuse (APVA)*, is available online.

Projects

Innovative Media for Change

On behalf of OTJR, **Carolyn Hoyle** and **Julia Viebach** were awarded an ESRC IAA kick-start award for the project 'Innovative Media for Change: How can Journalists and Academics Contribute to More Effective Transitional Justice Policy-making?' This project is jointly run by OTJR and its external partner, the Swiss NGO Fondation Hirondelle. The workshop is a launch event for the new collaborative project JusticeInfo.Net, an online platform offering real-time journalistic coverage and academic analysis of transitional justice (TJ) processes, globally. The workshop aims to develop a better understanding of what role different media can play to inform the practice and policy-making of TJ processes. In particular, it will explore the complex relationship between academic research, the practices of TJ institutions, and the media. The project will develop a 'media for change' handbook and an action plan. For further information, please contact the OTJR convener, Leila Ullrich, or Julia Viebach.

Atrocity's Archives

Julia Viebach commenced her Leverhulme Trust Early Career Fellowship this Hilary Term. Her project, 'Atrocity's Archives: The Remnants of Transitional Justice,' is a comparative analysis of the archival documents of the International Criminal Court for Rwanda and those of the local Rwandan Gacaca Courts. The project will investigate the different narratives that emerge from both courts, thereby interrogating their underlying premises and goals. The project will also analyse how the massacres are narrated differently in the archival texts and what they document as 'truth' and 'facts.'

Prisoners' Families and Social Inequality

Rachel Condry has been awarded a John Fell Fund grant of £7,485 for the project 'Prisoners' Families and Social Inequality: Developing Collaboration.' This project draws together academics conducting leading and innovative work on prisoners' families and social inequality. It has been stimulated by a new wave of excellent scholarly work which has begun to address fundamental questions about the impact of criminal justice upon the families of offenders and the ways in which they are drawn into the realm of punishment. This work explores how imprisonment both reproduces and reinforces patterns of social inequality. The aim of this project will be to think about the meaning of 'justice' within criminal justice and to consider the ways in which the state's power to punish is wielded disproportionality against those who are already likely to be experiencing a range of social disadvantages. A symposium will provide the opportunity for 20 scholars from five countries to meet over two days at Oxford to exchange ideas and formulate plans for future collaboration.

Border Criminologies

Hilary was another busy term for Border Criminologies. We held two seminars related to the broad theme of border control. The first seminar on 20 January, co-hosted with the Transformations Cluster of Oxford's School of Geography and the Environment, was with Alison Mountz (Wilfred Laurier University, Canada) on the topic of 'Island Detentions and the Erosion of Asylum in the Enforcement Archipelago.' This talk explored struggles over access, entry, exclusion, and detention of migrants and asylum-seekers on islands. The second seminar on 9 March, convened as part of the Centre's Migration, Citizenship and Justice Research Stream, featured **Lucia Zedner** presenting a paper entitled 'Enemies of the State: Curtailing Citizenship Rights as Counterterrorism.' Matthew Gibney of the Refugee Studies Centre was the respondent for this well-attended presentation.

Border Criminologies also launched an online research forum via the website to reach out to researchers in the field and encourage open discussion on topics related to border control. So far the forums have centred on research methodologies. Another exciting development for Border Criminologies this term was the introduction of a monthly 'themed week' series on the blog. The aim of the themed weeks is to enable and promote in-depth discussion of specific topics. Each week is organised by a specialist, who invites expert assessments on a specific topic from different perspectives in order to provide a unique opportunity for interdisciplinary dialogue. Topics this term have included research methodologies and visual methodologies. Border Criminologies has also teamed up with Oxford's Centre on Migration, Policy and Society (COMPAS) to convene a special weekly joint blog series on 'Migration and Gender.' Launched this term on 6 March, this blog series aims to deepen understanding of the relationship between gender and migration and encourage reflection on the role gender plays in the causes and consequences of migration, including how migration policy and scholarship are themselves deeply gendered.

Death Penalty Research Consortium

January 31 saw the launch of a new Death Penalty Research Consortium at the Death Penalty Project in London, which includes the Oxford Death Penalty team: **Carolyn Hoyle, Mai Sato, Marion Vannier, Chloe Deambrogio,** and **Roger Hood** (who gave the opening speech, and co-chaired the inaugural event). Consortium membership includes academics from around the world, representatives from the United Nations and the UK's Foreign and Commonwealth Office, as well as leading human rights organisations such as Amnesty International, Reprieve, the Death Penalty Project, Penal Reform International, and Amicus.

Prisons Transparency Project

Sarah Turnbull was a successful co-applicant in a team Partnership Development Grant in the amount of CAD$194,635 over three years awarded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council in Canada. Led by Dawn Moore (Carleton University), along with Sarah, Kelly Hannah-Moffat (University of Toronto), Debra Parkes (University of Manitoba), Joane Martel (University of Laval), and Gillian Balfour (Trent University), the Prisons Transparency Project will develop a new participatory-action research process and methods for prison research that will bring academics, former prisoners, and community agencies together to systematically collect and document prisoner and detainee experiences.

Magistrates' Association

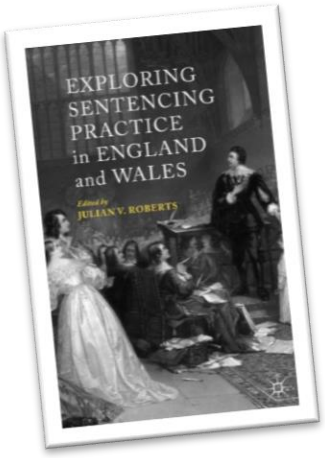
In February 2015, the Magistrates' Association launched the MA Education and Research Network to promote the sound administration of the law, including, but not restricted to, educating and instructing magistrates and others in the law, the administration of justice, the treatment of offenders, and the prevention of crime. **Carolyn Hoyle** was appointed the Academic Consultant on the Board.

Alison Mountz speaking at a Border Criminologies event in January.

Publications

Julian Roberts

published the first collection of empirical essays on sentencing in this jurisdiction, *Exploring Sentencing Practice in England and Wales* (Palgrave Macmillan). The collection includes scholarly contributions by current and former members of the Centre: **Shona Minson** writes about sentencing and dependents; **Hannah Maslen** explores remorse; and **Martina Feilzer** discusses public opinion and sentencing.



Mai Sato

has co-authored (with Mike Hough) an article that develops a conceptual framework within which to create policies for the regulation of forms of wildlife trafficking: 'Disrupting the Market for Illegal Rhino Horn and Ivory,' forthcoming in the *Journal of Trafficking, Organized Crime and Security* . The framework is intended to be adaptable for a range of trafficking activities, but—using the example of trafficking of illicit rhino horn—it argues that the distinction between instrumental and normative strategies is a crucial one. Politicians instinctively reach for instrumental ones—primarily those involving criminalization and the use of deterrent threats—but opportunity reduction, obstruction, and surveillance are also important. If these are the obvious and more traditional criminal policy responses to tackle wildlife crime, the authors would argue that more attention should be paid to normative policies. Normative approaches—which aim to change behavioural norms and values—have not been properly examined by research. In particular, the article considers the options needed to achieve demand reduction in consumer countries, and those required to provide incentives to local communities in producer countries to disengage from poaching. (This work was supported by the European Commission through the Seventh Framework Programme for Research and Development.)

Ben Bradford

along with Centre alumni **Harry Annison** and Eli Grant co-authored a paper entitled 'Theorizing the Role of 'the Brand' in Criminal Justice: The Case of Integrated Offender Management,' forthcoming in *Criminology & Criminal Justice.* Ben also co-authored (along with Paul Quinton, Andy Myhill, Alistair Fildes, and Gillian Porter) the report *Fair Cop 2: Organizational Justice, Behaviour and Ethical Policing,* published by the College of Policing.

Oxford Policing Policy Forum

In November 2014, **Ian Loader** hosted the 16th Oxford Policing Policy Forum at All Souls College. The Forum gathered together senior police officers, Police and Crime Commissioners, and other stakeholders to discuss the question: 'Does neighbourhood policing have a future?' The report of the proceedings is now available. The Oxford Policing Policy Forum is a joint collaboration between the Centre for Criminology and the Police Foundation and has been running since 2006. Reports of the previous Forum events can be found online.

Stories from the Graduate Student Community

Contribution to the Law Commission

DPhil student **George Mawhinney**'s article, 'To Be Ill or to Kill: The Criminality of Contagion,' published in the *Journal of Criminal Law* in 2013, was cited by the Law Commission in its recent scoping paper, *Reform of Offences against the Person*. David Ormerod, the Law Commissioner for Criminal Law and Evidence, invited George to submit a response to this scoping paper.

Speaking to the News Media

DPhil student **Kristi Cooper** was interviewed about ISIS by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC News) for an article entitled, 'What the Nazi Era Can Teach Us About Deradicalizing Extremists,' published online in March 2015.

Presenting at All Souls

On 19 February, MSc candidate **Estelle Marks,** co-presented (with Benjamin Bowling, Kings College London) a paper, 'The Rise and Fall of Suspicionless Searches,' in the prestigious All Souls Criminology Seminar Series. The paper is currently being prepared for publication.

Prisoner Welfare Event

On 11 March, MSc candidate **Cathryn Stephens** organised an event (jointly hosted by the Oxford Howard League Society and Green Templeton College), entitled 'Prisoner Welfare: Does it Matter?,' with Erwin James (Guardian columnist) and Rob Preece (Howard League for Penal Reform) on the speaker panel.

Social Media

The Centre continues to develop its online presence as a means to share the important work undertaken by its members. We have active Twitter (@OxfordCrim) and Facebook (facebook.com/ox.crim) accounts, and are beginning to build our Criminology iTunes U library which includes presentations by Centre members and guest speakers at Centre events such as the Criminology Seminar Series.

Our blog, Criminology at Oxford, provides a space for academics, students, lawyers, and policy-makers from across the globe to share and discuss recent developments broadly related to the field of criminology. This term, we published a diverse range of blog posts on such topics as transitional justice, the death penalty, evidentiary rules in court, the administration of punishment, research methods, public opinion, and issues of legitimacy in court. We welcome contributions by members of the Centre as a means to share our work and connect with audiences in and beyond the University.

SOCIAL MEDIA AT THE CENTRE

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